

## **Appendix B**

### **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR GIFTED EDUCATION (GRADES K-12)**

#### **I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- A.** A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license;
- B.** Two (2) years of classroom teaching experience; and
- C.** Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional Child (including the Gifted);\* and

#### **II. PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS** (Minimum requirement of fifteen (15) semester hours):

- A.** A minimum of nine (9) semester hours selected from five (5) basic fields of knowledge:
  - 1.** A Survey of Gifted and Talented Education;
  - 2.** Programming Planning and Development: An Understanding of Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs;
  - 3.** Screening, Assessing, and Evaluating Gifted Students;
  - 4.** Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted; and
  - 5.** Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students;
- B.** A minimum of one (1) graduate course in research procedures; and
- C.** A three (3) semester hour practicum beyond the courses required for elementary and secondary certification, involving college or university supervised instruction of gifted students.

**Instructional personnel in the staff positions for which state aid is approved must hold a valid Missouri teaching certificate with endorsement in gifted education. (Provisional endorsement in gifted will be acceptable for this requirement.) Coursework must be completed at a college or university with an approved gifted education program. For questions regarding certification of teachers, please contact the Teacher Certification Section of the Department of Education at (573)751-0051, or e-mail Margie Tanner at [margery.tanner@dese.mo.gov](mailto:margery.tanner@dese.mo.gov) .**

*\*Denotes minimum requirement of two (2) semester hours.*